

Remarks/Arguments

Prior to this reply and amendment, claims 1-10, 12-15, and 27-41 were pending in this application. By way of amendment, claims 2, 5, 28-31 have been cancelled, and claims 42-83 have been newly added. Following entry of the amendments provided herein, claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, 12-15, 27, and 32-83 will be pending. Support for the foregoing amendments can be found throughout the specification as filed. No new matter enters by way of these amendments.

Response to Detailed Action

Terminal Disclaimer

In reply to paragraph 1 of the detailed action, Applicants note the recordation of the terminal disclaimer.

Double Patenting

In reply to paragraph 2 of the detailed action, Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the double patenting rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

In reply to paragraphs 3-4 of the detailed action, which indicate that claims 1, 3-5, 8-10, 12-15, 27, and 31-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over England (US 3,520,846) in view of Oliver (US 4,797,317), Applicants have amended or cancelled the rejected claims, thus obviating this rejection. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection is therefore requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In reply to paragraphs 5-6 of the detailed action, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

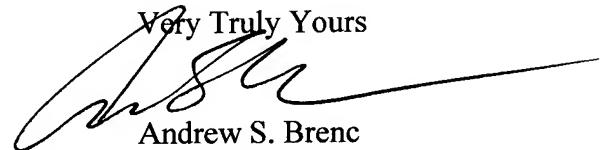
Conclusion

In view of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit a notice of such allowance.

If the Examiner believes that direct communication will expedite prosecution of this application, she is invited to directly contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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Very Truly Yours



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